

Request For Information State of Indiana Provider for Virtual Advanced Placement Courses

This is a Request for Information (RFI) issued by the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE). This RFI requests responses on providing Virtual College Board Advanced Placement (AP) courses throughout the State of Indiana.

This RFI will lead to the issuance of a Request For Proposal by the IDOE.

TIMETABLE

The following dates are set forth for informational and planning purposes; however, the IDOE reserves the right to change the dates.

- Issue RFI	September 4, 2009
- Closing Date for Receipt of Information	September 18, 2009

BACKGROUND

The IDOE has set the goal of becoming one of the top performing states in the United States in terms of the percentage of students **taking and passing** AP exams before entering college. In Indiana many schools offer some AP courses but most schools do not offer enough AP classes. Ensuring broad access to effective virtual AP courses will be a key part of the IDOE's strategy in building AP capacity at the school level. The IDOE defines effective as a preponderance of students scoring 3 or higher on the exams.

OBJECTIVE

IDOE is soliciting feedback on the information in this RFI. IDOE will review the information received in response to this RFI, and reserves the right to request clarifications on information submitted to the State. IDOE also reserves the right to conduct discussions, either oral or written, with respondents. These discussions could include request for additional information, request for costs, clarification of information, etc.

DELIVERABLES

- (1) Provide a **minimum** of 50% (17) AP courses by way of virtual instruction
- (2) Ensure these courses are available for all students throughout the State
- (3) Facilitate all aspects of course delivery (except for the administration of the AP exams)
- (4) Provide quantifiable exam results (exact scores) with summary findings for **all** enrolled students by course

SPECIFIC NEEDS

The IDOE will only examine those submissions that provide exacting information on each of the following:

- (1) Construction and maintenance costs (if any) of course delivery
- (2) Cost per course regardless of method of facilitation under the following statewide enrollment grid scenario:

Total Number of Enrolled Students in a Class Cost Per Pupil (excluding books/materials)

0 – 100	
101 - 100	
101 – 500	
501 – 1000	
1001 plus	

- (3) Demonstrated effectiveness in AP student achievement
- (4) Multiple methods of course delivery
- (5) Varied timelines for course entrance and finish (all subject to completion prior to May test dates)
- (6) Identify and explain self assessment tool for course evaluation

RESPONSES

Please send the information requested above in a PDF or MS Word document to jgubera@doe.in.gov. Please place “Response to RFI for virtual AP courses,” in the subject line of the email.

Responses to this RFI are due by 4:00 P.M. EST on September 18, 2009.

The State’s single point of contact for this RFI is: Jon Gubera, Indiana Department of Education.

Any questions regarding this RFI must be submitted by email to jgubera@doe.in.gov.